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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

Good Afternoon Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

We are here today to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions that represent over 200,000 union members from all 169 cities and towns of Connecticut as follows:

Proposed H.B. No. 5265 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM LONGEVITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

We oppose this legislation. Currently there are plenty of restrictions on employees applying for unemployment compensation. So when an employee is unfortunate enough to lose their source of income and are eligible for unemployment benefits they should immediately be compensated. This is also important to our local economies. For every \$1.00 in unemployment compensation it creates \$1.43 for the local economy.

We will oppose any and all unemployment compensation decrease legislation as, like this proposed bill, they are detrimental to workers, their families and local businesses.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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